

# Highlights of the Proceedings of the HMA House of Delegates

Leonard Howard MD, Speaker of the House of Delegates

On October 6 to 8, 1995 the 139th Annual Meeting of the Hawaii Medical Association was called to order at 1:30 pm at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Maui by **Speaker Len Howard MD**. **Roger Kimura MD**, HMA Secretary, announced that more than 45 certified delegates were seated which is a quorum.

**S. Kalani Brady MD** chanted the invocation. The Speaker called on the county presidents to read the necrology and a moment of silence was called for those members deceased since the last meeting.

**William Dang, Jr, MD** was appointed Parliamentarian and **Ernest Bade MD** and **Sakae Uehara MD** were appointed Sergeants-at-Arms by the Speaker. The minutes of the 138th Annual Meeting were approved as published.

The Speaker then called on **President Fred Holschuh** to introduce **Daniel H. (Stormy) Johnston, Jr, MD**, AMA President-elect, who gave the Presidential Address. He addressed the various problems facing organized medicine currently and outlined the position of the AMA on several controversial points. He emphasized the importance of a strong medical organization on the local and national scene. **Cal Kam MD**, one of our AMA delegates, then presented a resolution of support for AMA positions from the HMA.

**Herbert K.W. Chinn MD**, Vice Speaker, reviewed the modus operandi and nominating and election procedures for the delegates, then called on Secretary Kimura to appoint the tellers for the elections, the county presidents or their appointees.

**Allan Kunimoto MD**, chair of the Nominating Committee reported the slate of nominations for elective office and any additional nominations were received from the floor. There were no additional nominations for the office of president-elect or treasurer so there were no speeches from candidates.

Speaker Chinn next received nominations for the Nominating Committee for next year. Those nominated were:

Honolulu County

**J. Camara MD**  
**L. Howard MD**  
**N. Baysa MD**  
**C. Sonido MD**  
**G. Soriano MD**  
**C. Kadooka MD**  
**G. McKenna MD**  
**R. Stodd MD**  
**B. Kimura MD**  
**A. Kunimoto MD**  
**S. Wallach MD**

Hawaii County

Kauai County

Maui County

W. Hawaii County

Past Presidents

Reference Committee referrals and announcements of the appointment of each Reference Committee were made by Speaker Howard. At this time the delegates were reminded of the sign-in procedure for Sunday's election and encouraged to attend the deliberations of the Reference Committees. The House was ordered to stand in recess until 11 am, Sunday, October 8, 1995.

**President Fred Holschuh** convened the HMA membership meeting at this point and following the completion of business

adjourned the HMA membership meeting.

The Annual Meeting was reconvened on Sunday at 11 am. The results of the annual election were announced by the Speaker as follows:

President  
President-elect  
Treasurer  
AMA Delegate  
Alternate Delegates

**Carl W. Lehman MD**  
**John Spangler MD**  
**Leonard Howard MD**  
**Calvin Kam MD**  
**Carl Lehman MD**  
**John Spangler MD**  
**Allan Kunimoto MD**

Speaker of the House  
Vice Speaker of the House  
Councilor from Maui  
Councilor from Hawaii  
Councilor from Kauai  
Councilor from W. Hawaii  
Councilors from Honolulu (7)

**Herbert K.W. Chinn MD**  
**Patricia Blanchette MD**  
**Jon Betwee MD**  
**Craig Kadooka MD**  
**Peter Kim MD**  
**Alistair Bairos MD**  
**Danelo Canete MD**  
**Patricia Chinn MD**  
**Robert Hollison MD**  
**Charles Kelley MD**  
**Kim Thorburn MD**  
**Ronald Wong MD**  
**Walter Young MD**

HMA Peer Review Committee (4)

**Cynthia Goto MD**  
**John Houk MD**  
**Howard Minami MD**  
**Edwin Montell MD**

The remaining election results may be obtained by calling Angela at the HMA office.

Dr Holschuh announced that the 1995 Physician of the Year Award had been presented to **Ernest L. Bade MD** at the Presidential Inauguration banquet the night before.

Dr Bade was presented the Physician of the Year Award for his tireless devotion to the community. The Hilo family physician and geriatrician participated in a World Health Organization-sponsored health study of elderly Okinawans living on the Big Island compared to Okinawans living in Japan and Brazil. He provides free physical exams to youth organizations—Boy Scouts, Pop Warner Football, and Hawaii PAL amateur boxing programs. A past recipient of the Hawaii County Medical Society Physician of the Year Award, Dr Bade shows his care and comfort for *individual* patients, putting patient needs above his own.

The reports of the Reference Committees were then received in order. Highlights of the reports, recommendations and resolutions follow:

1. An ad hoc committee was established to look at restructuring the annual meeting, possibly separating the meeting of the House of Delegates from the scientific session. This commit-

- tee will report to the 1996 House of Delegates meeting.
2. The Health Care Access and Economics Committee was retained due to the complex situation regarding managed care at this time.
  3. The Managed Care Committee was directed to develop an agenda and meet prior to the next annual meeting.
  4. Resolution 19 was approved recommending physician input on any budget meetings that would affect public health.
  5. The recommendation of the Executive Director that the HMA and component society leadership officially begin discussion, investigation, review and recommend action to make organized medicine in Hawaii as lean and efficient as possible.
  6. The Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Committee develop an agenda and meet during the year.
  7. The Communicable Disease Committee develop an agenda and meet during the year.
  8. That the Hawaii Tumor Registry continue its critical operation as the cancer registry for the State of Hawaii and that the HMA Legislative Committee continue to seek increased funding by the State for the Hawaii Tumor Registry.
  9. Recommendations of the Pension Committee were adopted as follows:
    - Instruct our pension actuary to provide a dollar figure for all employees for the value of their pension plan vesting as of September 1, 1995, along with an explanation of the plan termination and a disclaimer regarding the dollar amount as it is a moving figure.
    - Terminate the current defined benefit plan with the employees having the option to take their benefit amount, roll over into their own individual retirement account (IRA), or roll over into a new HMA profit-sharing (defined contribution) plan.
    - Create a new HMA profit-sharing (defined contribution) plan.
    - If and when the HMA believes it can afford it, to have HMA contribute the monies due for the current year into the new HMA profit-sharing plan.
  10. Comment box regarding criticisms, concerns, and positive input will be available to all physicians by HMA fax and box in the HMA office. These concerns will be evaluated by the Executive Committee/Council and comments made available in the *HMA Newsletter*.
  11. Change the name of Hospital Medical Staff Section to Organized Medical Staff Section.
  12. Budget recommendations were accepted as follows:
    - The dues for 1996 will be \$618, of which \$18 of the dues will go toward the *HMJ*.
    - Dues for retired physicians remain at \$118 (including *HMJ* subscription) and that voluntary contributions from life physicians be suggested at \$118.
    - That the *Hawaii Medical Journal* be complimentary for members.
    - Delete grants from the Interferon and Interleukin projects on Exhibit A.
    - That Egami & Ichikawa be directed to provide manager's notes and meet with the HMA officers and the Finance Committee periodically.
    - It was also recommended and adopted that the Finance Committee investigate a possible program to have a lump sum payment from physicians who retire before age 70 and that the Finance Committee report to Council before the 1996 House of Delegates.
- Many other resolutions were presented, debated, changed, amended and otherwise disposed of during the meeting. The complete report will be available in the Speaker's Report to the House.
- After completion of old and new business, Dr Johnston installed the newly elected officers of the association. Dr Holschuh turned over the Presidential gavel to the 1995-96 President, **Carl Lehman MD**, who sounded the gavel at 2:35 pm to adjourn the 139th Annual Meeting of the Hawaii Medical Association.

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